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1. CACARANA-2 was met by [] on 25 and 27 August 1953 for discussion of the methods by which she should attempt to take up contact with Joachim KOERT. It was decided that the best initial step would be for CACARANA-2 to get in touch with her old friend Helga LEISERING. Helga LEISERING was a colleague of CACARANA-2 when they both worked in the Ministry of Justice; she is married to Volkspolizei-master (fmr) LEISERING, but has been engaged since sometime in 1950 in a full-scale affair with KOERT. During the spring of 1953, Helga LEISERING transferred to work for the Berlin Volkspolizei, Abteilung Strafvollzug. It was felt that she would be able to supply valuable information about the recent habits of KOERT, perhaps even his private telephone number. CACARANA-2 was instructed to call Helga LEISERING at work and ask whether they could not get together for a reunion to talk over old times. CACARANA-2 tried on 28 and 29 August 1953 to make this telephone contact, but was informed that the Abteilung Strafvollzug was in the process of moving; on the morning of 31 August CACARANA-2 finally reached her. Helga LEISERING seemed highly pleased to hear from her old friend, and agreed to meet her on the evening of 2 September 1953 at 1700 by the Littenstrasse HC.

2. CACARANA-2's next meeting with her SED case officer had been scheduled, as stated in reference, for the evening of 31 August 1953. Pending receipt of closer information about KOERT, it was decided that she should attend this meeting in the normal manner. She was directed to tell the SED case officer that she had been able to make little, if

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any, progress on her only assignment--CARBONHYDRATE--because CARBONHYDRATE kept a very close mouth about his business; as for stirring CARBONHYDRATE and his wife up about money, she was to say that all her suggestions had aroused only natural reactions; namely, that both of them would like money and the things it would buy, but that they seemed resigned to the reality of having to get along on what CARBONHYDRATE earned.

3.a. CACARAMA-2 was met again by [] on 2 September 1953, at which time a new and somewhat surprising development in the case came to light. CACARAMA-2 stated that she had had an idea prior to going to her SSD meeting; this idea was to tell the SSD case officer that CARBONHYDRATE was thinking seriously of leaving Berlin, and that since that was the case, it would be to the advantage of the SSD to release CACARAMA before CARBONHYDRATE left. The letter from [] (attachment "A" to KGBA-7278) refusing her application for employment with CADROIT had indicated that she could be employed if her husband were to be released from the control of the SSD. Therefore, would it not be best to try this maneuver while CARBONHYDRATE would still be there to help push the deal through?

b. CACARAMA-2, immediately prior to her departure for East Berlin to see her SSD case officer, visited CARBONHYDRATE and discussed this idea with him. CARBONHYDRATE advised her that he thought it was sound and that he, in her place, would carry it out. This CACARAMA-2 did. After meeting the SSD case officer as arranged (2000 at the Ernst Thaelmann U-Bahnhal), she was once again driven by him in the Topolini automobile to the Hirtenstrasse safehouse. Here she told him that she brought the following news: CARBONHYDRATE had told her on 29 August 1953 and again on 31 August 1953 that he had received a letter from an old school friend who is a lawyer in West Germany. In this letter the friend had offered CARBONHYDRATE the opportunity to work for him. CARBONHYDRATE had said that he thought he would seize this opportunity because it would not only mean a financial gain, but would also permit him to complete the necessary studies to become a lawyer and thereby make himself independent. CARBONHYDRATE had not told her any further details about this matter, but had stated that he thought he would probably leave Berlin during September in order to go to West Germany.

c. This story called forth a pronounced reaction from the SSD case officer. He professed alarm and dismay, saying that this would ruin their best chance to penetrate CADROIT. CACARAMA-2 then proposed the solution described above; i.e., releasing CACARAMA so that she could get a job with CADROIT herself, and assuring themselves by timely action of CARBONHYDRATE's assistance. The SSD case officer told CACARAMA-2 that he

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and his superior had discussed this possibility thoroughly after receiving the letter from [] He said that both he and the superior were in agreement that this would be the simplest solution to the problem, but that there were two considerations which had to be carefully weighed: (1) if CACARANA were released, would she really get the job; and (2) would it not look suspicious to the western security authorities if he were released after such a comparatively short time. CACARANA-2 answered that as far as her actually obtaining the job was concerned, they themselves had the letter from [] She, of course, could not guarantee it; but the letter, supported by what CARBOHYDRATE had told from time to time, made her completely confident that the job would come through. As to the suspicion that would be aroused by CACARANA's "early" release, she pointed out that he had already been imprisoned almost three and one-half months; anyway, her husband was not so important that the western security services would be likely to pay much attention to him. The SSD case officer told her that he himself was in favor of this idea, but of course would have to talk with his superior before saying anything further.

d. He also told CACARANA-2 that CACARANA had confessed his intention of fleeing to the West in August 1953, and that his maintenance of contact with CARBOHYDRATE in West Berlin had been to the end that CARBOHYDRATE would help him reestablish himself when he did flee. The previously alleged confessions of CACARANA to the effect that he had been a paid CADROIT agent were not mentioned. CACARANA-2 received from the SSD case officer another letter written by CACARANA. A transcript of this letter is forwarded as an attachment to this dispatch.

e. The losing of CACARANA as a control hostage over CACARANA-2 was dismissed by the SSD case officer as being of small importance; he stated that they were convinced that CACARANA-2 would work for them, and that it was the considerations mentioned above which held them back rather than an significant concern that CACARANA-2 would not return if her husband were released. He said that he would arrange for her to meet his superior so that they could talk the problem over "zu dritt" within the near future. In the meantime, she should try to find out CARBOHYDRATE's exact date of departure from Berlin, and should also try to get as definite a statement as possible out of him that she would positively get the CADROIT job after her husband's release. The next meeting was set for 1900 on 7 September 1953, again at the Ernst Thaelmann Platz U-Bahnhof.

4. CACARANA-2 was severely censured for having thus taken the case temporarily into her own hands. It must be realized, however, that her relationship to CARBOHYDRATE is a special one in that he originally introduced her husband into the latter's capacity as an agent, and that ever

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since her husband's arrest he has provided her with advice. She stated that she realized it was not the right thing to do, but that she had been filled with such a sudden enthusiasm when CARBONDATE approved the idea that she had decided, because she was already on her way to the SSD meeting, to go ahead on the basis of his approval. It must be honestly admitted that the results of her fabrication lend a more hopeful outlook to the case than it has had in the past. It is particularly encouraging to learn that she has won the confidence of her SSD case officer to such an extent.

5. In view of the possibility that some important decision may be reached at her 7 September meeting with the SSD case officer (and, perhaps, his superior), CACARANA-2 has been instructed to delay her meeting with Helga LEISERUNG until after that time. She agreed to call LEISERUNG and say that her child was sick, and that she would call again in the near future to arrange another meeting.

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ATTACHMENT

A. Letter to CACARANA

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